

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-21 and 23 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 9, 16 and 23 are amended. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

§ 112 Rejection

Claims 9 has been amended as requested by the Examiner, thereby obviating the rejection.

§ 103(a) Rejection

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,609,161 to Young (hereinafter “Young”) in view of the Examiner’s assertion of the Applicant’s Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter “Assertion”). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As also detailed in the attached Examiner’s Interview Summary, the Applicant and the Attorney discussed the pending references. During the Interview, the Examiner agreed that the FIFO buffer of Young is not sortable, and the Assertion does not correct this defect. Therefore, the Applicant and the Examiner agreed that a clarifying amendment clarifying this sortable feature would be sufficient to overcome the art of record. Therefore, Claims 1, 8, 16 and

23 have been amended and are believed to be allowable over the art of record.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Application is in a condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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